

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
Re: Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences

PATENT
APPLICATION

In re PATENT APPLICATION of
Inventor(s): Laats and James
Appl. No.: 09

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Group Art Unit: 3727
Examiner.: Vidovich, G.
Atty. Dkt. P 64112

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Client Ref

Filed: June 30, 2000
Title: STRAP RETENTION SYSTEM AND USES THEREFOR

Date: February 13, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

1. ☒ **NOTICE OF APPEAL:** Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision (not Advisory Action) dated 10/19/01 of the Examiner twice/finally rejecting claim(s) in this application or in this application and its parent application.
2. ☐ **BRIEF** on appeal in this application attached in triplicate (extendable up to 5 months).
3. ☐ An **ORAL HEARING** is respectfully requested under Rule 194 (due two months after Examiner's Answer - unextendable).
4. ☐ Reply Brief is attached in triplicate (due two months after Examiner's Answer - unextendable).
5. ☒ "Small entity" statement filed: ☐ herewith. ☒ previously.
6. ☐ Fee **NOT** required if/since paid in prior appeal in which the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences did not render a decision on the merits (35 USC 134).

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